



## FALL Volunteer Ideas for Elementary/Middle School

**Agate Housing & Services:** Create comfort and weather protection kits for families/individuals experiencing housing and food insecurity (all ages).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Abigail Abele, [abigail.abele@agatemn.org](mailto:abigail.abele@agatemn.org)

**Arc's Value Village:** Assist Arc's thrift stores in their donation centers. Prepare Halloween merchandise for the holiday season (ages 8-13 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, click [here](#)

Contact: Michelle Theisen, [imichellethesen@arcminnesota.org](mailto:imichellethesen@arcminnesota.org)

**FamilyWise Services:** Create craft kits at home to be used by children who are affected by homelessness, substance abuse, or domestic violence (all ages).

To register as a volunteer, click [here](#)

Contact: Stephanie Mickelson, [smickelson@familywiseservices.org](mailto:smickelson@familywiseservices.org)

**Feed My Starving Children (Chanhassen):** Pack meals for children around the world experiencing hunger (ages 5 and up, under 16 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, click [here](#)

**Free Geek (Minneapolis):** Assist in recycling technology parts and refurbish computers and other technology. Volunteers can work at Free Geek or at home (16 and older independently, 16 and under with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Dave, [volunteer information](#), 612-223-5967

**Great River Greening:** Restore natural habitats around greater Minnesota/Twin Cities. Work with team leaders on Saturdays in the fall. You can also create your own group restoration project (all ages).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Amy Kilgor, [volunteer@greatrivergreening.org](mailto:volunteer@greatrivergreening.org)

**Havenwood Senior Living (Minnetonka):** Assist with memory care unit programming, provide support with music, crafts, creative projects, and social visits (ages 5 and up, under 16 with an adult).

Contact: Leah Fricke, [lfricke@havenwoodofminnetonka.com](mailto:lfricke@havenwoodofminnetonka.com)

**His House Foundation/Food Abundance Program:** Help organize resource center donations and manage donations being distributed to other network partners. Volunteer at the ***Shine the Light on Homelessness*** event on November 5 (ages 8 and up, under 16 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: [HisHouseNonprofit@gmail.com](mailto:HisHouseNonprofit@gmail.com)

**ICA Food Shelf:** Sort and organize donated food in warehouse/farmers market (ages 12 and up, under 16 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Rebecca Mackenzie, [rebecca@icafoodshelf.org](mailto:rebecca@icafoodshelf.org)

**Interfaith Outreach:** Create snack packs, hygiene kits, spice packs, repackage laundry detergent, plant a garden, work at the resource center (all ages).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Ashley Wyatt, [awyatt@iocp.org](mailto:awyatt@iocp.org)

**Loaves and Fishes (Multiple Locations):** Help cook and serve meals at community meal sites (ages 8 and up, under 16 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, click [here](#)

Contact: Latisha Moening, [lmoening@loavesandfishesmn.org](mailto:lmoening@loavesandfishesmn.org)

**Lutheran Social Services:** Prepare a meal at home and deliver to a homeless shelter in the Twin Cities (all ages).

Contact: [Metrohomelessyouth@lssmn.org](mailto:Metrohomelessyouth@lssmn.org)

**Mt. Olivet Rolling Acres:** Assist Mt. Olivet Rolling Acres with their [Halloween Party](#) and [Fall Yard Clean-Up](#), make a meal for a group home, or share music and fellowship with residents (age dependent on activity).

To register as a volunteer, click [here](#)

Contact: Sarah Hennes, [sahennes@mtolivet-mora.org](mailto:sahennes@mtolivet-mora.org)

**Pinky Swear Foundation:** Write encouraging letters and create uplifting artwork for pediatric patients being treated for cancer (all ages).

Contact: Chloe Czaplewski, [chloe.czaplewski@pinkyswear.org](mailto:chloe.czaplewski@pinkyswear.org)

**Reach for Resources:** Your family/group can engage with people with disabilities in fun adaptive recreation programs (ages 8-17 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, click [here](#)

Contact: Jesse Hartrick, [jhartrick@reachforresources.org](mailto:jhartrick@reachforresources.org)

**Senior Community Services:** Help seniors with yardwork/outdoor projects and technology support. (ages 7 and up, under 16 with an adult). Great idea for a family!

To register as a volunteer, click [here](#)

Contact: [scsvolunteer@seniorcommunity.org](mailto:scsvolunteer@seniorcommunity.org)

**Good In The 'Hood/Shoe Away Hunger:** Help sort and organize shoes for the Shoe Away Hunger program, assist staff with food distribution for their Food Shelf in a Box or Food in the Hood programs (ages 8 and up, under 16 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, click [here](#)

Contact: [info@goodinthehood.org](mailto:info@goodinthehood.org)

**The Glenn Senior Living (Minnetonka):** Assist residents with activities, crafts, bingo, etc. Take residents for a walk and provide one-on-one interaction. Connect virtually with our residents via sing-along, cooking demo, reading, musical performances, etc. (ages 7 and up, under 15 with an adult, all ages if virtual).

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Contact: Alissa Dvorak, [advorak@greatlakesmc.com](mailto:advorak@greatlakesmc.com)

**The Humanity Alliance:** Help prepare or deliver food to food insecure families in the Twin Cities (ages 6 and up, under 16 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, click [here](#)

Contact: [hello@humanityalliance.org](mailto:hello@humanityalliance.org)

**Trouvaille Memory Care (Excelsior):** Provide entertainment/enrichment for residents by creating videos of musical performances, art demonstration, skits, reading a story/poems, etc. Assist with preparing craft projects for theme events and help with outdoor garden maintenance during the fall (ages 7 and up, under 15 with an adult, all ages if virtual)

Contact: Ann Webb, [awebb@trouvaillehomes.com](mailto:awebb@trouvaillehomes.com)

## Serve Others in Your Neighborhood or From Home

- Visit [Greater United Way](#) to learn about their **Volunteer@Home** initiative.
- Organize a wish list donation drive for a charity or cause important to you.
- Walk your neighborhood and pick-up trash.
- Spread positivity by painting rocks with uplifting messages and distribute them to others.
- Help neighbors with fall yard clean-up.

## Additional Student/Family Volunteer Resources

**Hands On Twin Cities**



**Doing Good Together**



**Volunteer Match**



Questions? Need help connecting with volunteer opportunities? Contact Sarah Johnson, Community Service Specialist, [sarah.johnson@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:sarah.johnson@minnetonkaschools.org) or 952-401-5766